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Attorney's Docket No. 032745-023

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Werner GROH et al.) Group Art Unit: 1771
Application No.: 09/619,531) Examiner: Ula Ruddock
Filed: July 19, 2000)
For: LAMINATES INCLUDING TWO OR)
MORE LAYERS OF ORGANIC)
SYNTHETIC FILAMENT NON-)
WOVENS AND GLASS FIBER)
WEBS AND SCRIMS)

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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action issued April 10, 2002, Applicants hereby elect, albeit with traverse, the Group I "invention" which includes Claims 1-15, drawn to a laminate of two or more layers.

The Restriction Requirement is traversed because it is believed that the two groups of claims set up by the Examiner are drawn to sufficiently interrelated inventions to warrant examination thereof in a single application. Indeed, the process (method for the production of laminates having two or more layers) of the Group II invention is sufficiently related to the laminate. Thus, a complete search of the laminate would necessarily turn up art relevant with regard to the process.

A complete search for both groups of claims would be coextensive such that search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden on the U.S.



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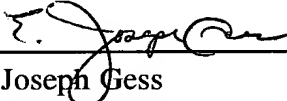
Patent and Trademark Office. Moreover, examination of the interrelated Group I "invention" and the Group II "invention" would be more efficient than independent examination. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the Requirement for Restriction is respectfully requested.

From the foregoing, substantive action on the merits of all of the claims of record is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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